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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJ: CONOCO TO GIVE UP CONSORTIUM OPERATION

1. AS I INFORMED AF/W UPON MY RETURN FROM NEW YORK IN LATE SEPT. EXXON HAD TOLD ME IT WAS TAKING OVER HALF OF CONOCO'S INTERESTS IN CHAD (WOULD BE 12 AND ONE HALF PERCENT OF TOTAL) AND THAT ESSO EXPLORATION WOULD ASSUME LOCAL MANAGEMENT IN PLACE OF CONOCO.

2. EXXON ASKED IF I BELIEVED GOC WOULD RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS. I REPLIED THAT I WAS SURE THEY WOULD USE OCCASION OF ANY CHANGE TO PUSH FOR MINI-REFINERAY, AND EXXON REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

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3. WHILE IN LONDON CONOCO (SAHAKAN PATTERSON)

CONFIRMED THAT EXXON HAD TAKEN OVER HALF CONOCO'S SHARE. THEY SAID RELINQUISHMENT WAS SOLELY BECAUSE OF CONOCO'S CASH FLOW PROBLEMS CAUSED BY HEAVY NORTH SEA EXPENSES. THEY DID NOT MENTION, NOR DID I ASK ABOUT, ANY CHANGE IN LOCAL MANAGEMENT.

4. CONOCO CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD PRESENTED TO GOC A SCHEME FOR MINI-REFINERY, AND WAS AWAITING A RESPONSE. SCHEME INVOLVED SHORT PIPELINE FROM WELL IN KANEM TO LAKE CHAD, AND THEN TRANSPORTATION BY BARGE (TURBOJET) TO N'DJAMENA WHERE MINI-REFINERY WOULD BE LOCATED. PRES. MALLOUM AND MINISTER ZAKARIS HAVE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF PLAN TO ME.

5. HAD INTENDED TO GET FURTHER DETAILS FROM CONOCO HERE, BUT BOTH DIRECTOR AND HIS DEPUTY HAVE BEEN IN LONDON ALMOST CONSTANTLY SINCE MY ARRIVLA. AS THE ABSENCE OF BOTH FOR SUCH A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF TIME IS UNUSUAL,THIS MAY GIVE STRENGTH TO POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

6. IF POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE DISCRETE CHECK WITH JARVIS FREYMANN, EXXON, NEW YORK. BRADFORD

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